Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Only after the acquisition is ordered by the Diwan. Under exceptional urgent cases it may not be possible to get Diwan's sanction beforehand, but generally the starting point commences only after the order of the Diwan to take steps to acquire the land.

മിസ്റ്റർ. ടി. എ. രാമചന്ദ്രയ്യർ.— മൂന്നോ നാലോ ബഡ്ജറിൽ ഈ റോഡിന്നുവേണ്ടി കൊള്ളിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള സംഖ്യ ഇതേവരെ ചിലവു ചെയ്യുവാൻ സാധിക്കാതെ വന്നിട്ടുള്ളതു് ഗവർമ്മെൻറിനു അറിവുണ്ടോ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.— I want notice.

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. എ. രാമചന്ദ്രയ്യർ.— അനന്തപുരം റോഡിനുതന്നെ നാലു ബഡ്ജറിൽ സംഖ്യ അനുവദിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതായി ഗവർമ്മെൻറിനു അറിയാമോ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—I am not quite sure with respect to the number of times, but I know it was in two budgets. Beyond that I want notice.

Mr. T. C. Iyyukutty.—In this particular case can another arrangement be made for speedy acquisition?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—If the Hon'ble Member means that it should be over this year, I can assure him that it will be over this year.

Grazing lands in the Villages of Meloor, Pariyaram, Elinjipra and Kodasseri.

34. **Mr. A. V. Moothedan**— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the total area of grazing lands reserved as such according to village records, in the villages of Meloor, Pariyaram, Elinjipra and Kodasseri.

(b) how many acres of these lands have been encroached upon;

(c) what is the balance available as grazing lands?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—(a), (b) and (c) A statement containing the required information is appended. *(Vide Appendix I).*

Crops in the non-irrigated parts of Chittur Taluk.

35. **Mr. A. Eachara Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:

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(1) whether they are aware of the state of crops in the non-irrigated parts of the Chittur Taluk;

(2) whether they are aware that the last monsoon was a failure in those parts;

(3) if not, will they be pleased to make an enquiry?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon—(1) Yes.

(2) The last monsoon, though a little late, was not a failure.

(3) Does not arise in view of the answer to question (2).

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—What about the crops?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—The crops also, to the best of our enquiry.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Is it the opinion of the Government that the monsoon had nothing to do with the crops?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Yes.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know, Sir, what the actual state of crops now is?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—They are non-existent now.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Before it was harvested?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—It was ripe *(Laughter)*.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—I ask about the condition of the crops.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—It was fairly satisfactory.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Was it a successful crop?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—It did not fail.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Is it the opinion of the Government that the crops would not suffer owing to late monsoon?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—It did not suffer on account of the late monsoon.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Is it the position of the Hon'ble Member that the crops did not at all suffer because of the lateness of the monsoon?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—I cannot be very accurate like that, but the crops did not suffer to any extent. There has been no failure of crops on account of the lateness of the monsoon.

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Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen.— The question is whether they are aware of the state of crops; the answer is, the monsoon was not a failure.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—The answer to (1) in the question is "Yes."

Meenchadi Toll Gate.

36. Mr. R. Viswanathan Chettiar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(i) whether the Government are aware of the fact that the toll-gate keeper at Meenchadi is collecting tolls for transporting paddy, manure, etc., to the adjacent agricultural places such as Kattukonam, Anandali, Thachkora, etc.;

(ii) if the answer is in the negative, will the Government be pleased to issue orders to the contractor not to collect tolls from the adjacent agriculturists who transport their agricultural produce through the toll;

(iii) will the Government be pleased to remove the present Meenchadi toll-gate to a furlong south to enable the agriculturists to transport their produce without any friction between the contractor and the parties?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—(i) Yes.

(ii) Government cannot issue such orders as conveyances carrying agricultural produce are not exempted from payment of tolls under the rules.

(iii) No.

Appointment—Jews—Police Department.

37. Mr. Shabdai S. Koder.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether they have received applications for posts of Inspector of Police from members of the Jewish community of Cochin;

(b) if the answer is in the affirmative, will the Government be pleased to state, whether they will be pleased to appoint the applicants in view of the fact that there is not a single Jew in the Police Department;

(c) whether any member of other unrepresented communities, without the necessary qualifications, has been appointed as Inspector with the sanction of the Diwan?

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